

I strongly oppose RM-10870.

The petitioner suggests that the current written exams for the Technician license are "overly complex" and should be simplified and the questions reduced in number.

I would say that might be appropriate for a Citizens Band license. Do we want licensees in the Amateur Service to have demonstrated some meaningful level of knowledge or are we trying to degrade the service into Citizens Band ?

I also strongly disagree with the proposal to eliminate the Morse requirement from all or any level of license.

I also oppose instant upgrades from Technician to General.

Licenses should be earned....not handed out like foodstamps.

Let's be careful to note that the NCVEC doesn't represent anyone. It is simply a handful of gentlemen

who were not elected by anyone and who represent no-one but themselves in this matter. The proposal was no doubt largely the work of NCVEC member Mr. Fred Maia (W5YI) who for years was in the business of selling Amateur Radio publications and whose personal interest in this matter is quite likely to be pecuniary at heart.

While adoption of this proposal might create more business opportunities for some, it would create chaos on the Amateur bands and is not in the best interests of the Amateur community.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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